

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 22 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner has not acknowledged applicants' claim for foreign priority and receipt of all certified copies of the priority documents in this National Stage application. Applicants request the Examiner to make such acknowledgments.

The Examiner has set forth the following four rejections of the claims.

Claims 1, 8, 10, 11 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyatake et al.

Claims 2 to 7, 9, 12, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,153,694 to Miyatake et al.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by JP 2002 201243, as interpreted by the English language abstract (provided by applicants). The Examiner states that she is in the process of obtaining an English language translation of this document.

Claims 1 and 8 to 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,457,167 to Higaki et al.

Applicants submit that Miyatake et al, JP 2002 201243 and Higaki et al do not disclose or render obvious the presently claimed invention and, accordingly, request withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 1 as set forth above to recite the use of 1-8 wt.% of a component (B) including a vinyl monomer in preparing a graft copolymer containing polyorganosiloxane. Support for the amendment can be found at page 15, lines 3 to 5 of the present specification.

The amended claim 1 requires 1-8 wt.% of a component (B) including a vinyl monomer (G) such as allyl methacrylate in preparing a graft copolymer containing polyorganosiloxane. In other words, the present invention essentially includes both 1-8 wt.% of the component (B) and 5-70 wt.% of the component (C) such as methyl methacrylate in preparing a graft copolymer containing polyorganosiloxane.

Miyatake et al, JP '243 and Higaki et al do not disclose that the above certain amount of the component (B) of the present invention is employed in preparing a graft copolymer containing polyorganosiloxane, and further do not teach the above-mentioned combination of the components (B) and (C). Accordingly, applicants submit that Miyatake et al, JP 2002 201243 and Higaki et al do not anticipate the presently claimed invention and that the presently claimed invention would not have been obvious from the cited references.

In view of the above, applicants request withdrawal of each of the above four rejections.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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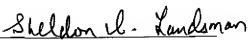
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